

RECOVERY FUNDS AT WORK IN OHIO'S SIXTH DISTRICT**Ohio's Sixth District to Benefit from Nearly \$171 Million in Transportation and Transit Projects through Recovery Plan****Rep. Wilson also Announces \$250 Recovery Payments to Social Security & SSI Beneficiaries**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Following the Ohio Governor's announcement this morning that he had prioritized 27 transportation infrastructure and transit projects in and around the Sixth Congressional District for full or partial funding with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act resources, U.S. Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) released the following statement:

"I was proud to support the Recovery Act because I knew it would mean jobs for my congressional district," Wilson said. "I'm pleased that the state is focusing on projects like the Nelsonville Bypass and the Wellsville Intermodal Facility. Both of these projects will not only immediately create jobs, but they are also excellent examples of infrastructure projects that will boost our region's long term economic health."

The following is a list of the transportation infrastructure and transit projects worth \$170,763,648 that will benefit the counties that make up Ohio's Sixth Congressional District:

Athens County	Nelsonville Bypass	\$150,000,000
Athens County	Bus Stop Shelters (Athens, City of)	\$20,000
Athens County	1 Light Transit Vehicle w/ farebox (Athens, City of)	\$60,782
Athens County	Vehicle Maintenance Equipment (Athens, City of)	\$60,000
Athens County	6 Vehicle Bike Racks (Athens, City of)	\$5,000
Athens County	Replacement HVAC for Garage (Athens, City of)	\$5,000
Athens County	Capitalized Maintenance	\$40,834
Belmont County	Village of Powhatan Point; \$122,000	Replaced Powhatan Point traffic sign
Columbiana County	Columbiana County Port Authority	\$5,700,000
Columbiana County	Minerva-Safety Upgrade of	\$250,000
Columbiana County	Columbiana County Comm	\$95,249
Columbiana County	Columbiana County Comm	\$60,000
Columbiana County	Columbiana County Comm	\$270,000
Columbiana County	Columbiana County Comm	\$112,250
Gallia County	Gallia County Engineer, TR	\$100,000
Jefferson County	City of Steubenville; Wash	\$750,000
Lawrence County	South Point Industrial Inter	\$600,000
Monroe County	3 ADA Accessible Full Size	\$126,000

Monroe County	1 Light Transit Vehicle	\$60,000
Monroe County	Capitalized Maintenance	\$13,000
Meigs County	ODOT D10; SR 7 Pavement Maintenance	\$15,000
Scioto County	1 Light Transit Vehicle	\$55,000
Scioto County	Bus Security Systems	\$37,500
Scioto County	Facility Rehabilitation	\$36,000
Scioto County	Capitalized Maintenance	\$ 46,770
Washington County	City of Marietta; Resurfacing	\$1,276,000
Washington County	Washington County Engineer; Washington Forest Highway Project	\$85,562
		\$170,763,648

In addition, Wilson was pleased to announce that the Social Security Administration will be sending out \$250 economic recovery payments to people who receive Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits beginning in early May 2009. No action is required to get the payment, which will be sent separately from the person's regular monthly payment.

"The one-time payments will go out to more than 50 million of our most vulnerable citizens across the nation," Wilson said. "I've heard from senior citizens across the district that tell me how much help they need paying for their medical care, utilities, housing, and groceries. I hope this \$250 payment gives them a little relief and helps our economy."

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provides for a one-time payment of \$250 to adult Social Security beneficiaries, and to SSI recipients, except those receiving Medicaid in care facilities. To receive the payment the individual must be eligible for Social Security or SSI during the months of November 2008, December 2008 or January 2009.

The legislation also provides for a one-time payment to Veterans Affairs (VA) and Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) beneficiaries. The VA and RRB will be responsible for paying individuals under their respective programs. However, if someone receives Social Security and SSI, VA or RRB benefits, he or she will receive only one \$250 payment. People getting Social Security or SSI should not contact the agency unless a payment is not received by June 4, 2009.

For more detailed information about the \$250 one-time economic recovery payments, go to www.socialsecurity.gov/payment.